



McAuley College

Student Dress Code Policy

Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to provide a clear rationale and expectations for the McAuley College Student Dress Code.

Rationale

McAuley College has high expectations and prides itself on having a good reputation in the wider community. Feedback would indicate that our students in uniform and their general presentation play a central role in the reputation of McAuley College to the wider community.

The Student Dress Code clearly explains acceptable dress in relation to clothing worn by students (uniform items) and other aspects of personal presentation.

The Student Dress Code performs several important functions within the overall operation of the school, including: fostering a sense of school community and shared mission; increasing a sense of belonging and engagement; promoting health and safety and encouraging respect in self, others and community.

Expectations

- The Student Dress Codes applies when students are travelling to and from school, attending school and representing the College at a variety of functions or events.
- The Student Dress Code will clearly explain standards of acceptable dress in relation to clothing worn by students, including headwear, footwear, and other aspects of personal presentation.
- As part of the Enrolment Agreement, parents and students agree to uphold the Student Dress Code.
- The College Formal Uniform provides choice for students. The College has maintained a traditional approach to both uniform and presentation expectations.
- Any modifications or exemptions must be negotiated as part of the Enrolment Process, and/or form part of a conversation with key personnel at the College for approval by the College Principal.
- As part of our School-wide Positive Behaviour Support Plan, students are encouraged to "Keep it REAL" by showing excellence and acting responsibly in the wearing of the College Uniform and their personal presentation. Appropriate supports will be implemented by the Pastoral Care Teacher and Pastoral Leaders to address any non-compliance. Parents will be informed of these supports. If the issues of non-compliance continue and this is escalated to the College Leadership Team, this may result in the student being asked to remain at home until the matter is addressed.

The policy has been developed with reference to the general principles of subsidiarity, accountability, practicality, affordability, responsiveness and equity, diversity and choice.

References

- BCE Uniform Policy 2019
- Student Dress Code, Education Queensland 2020

Definition

Dress Code	A standard specifying what is acceptable in relation to items of clothing, footwear and jewellery worn by the students and the personal presentation of the students that applies when students are attending or representing the school.
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History of Policy:

Developed by the Steering Committee in 2016.

Reviewed by the Uniform Development Committee in 2019, with reference to the BCE Uniform Policy 2019.

Final Policy and supporting Student Dress Code reviewed and endorsed by School Consultative Committee 2020.

Updated in October 2021 with feedback from Middle Leaders.

Updated in October 2022.

Updated in October 2023, considering feedback from students in the TTFM '23.

Updated in March 2026, reviewed by Senior Leadership Team

Updated in August 2026, reviewed by Senior Leadership Team

McAuley College Student Dress Code

McAuley College sets high expectations for all students with regard to the wearing of the College uniform and their personal presentation. The School Dress Code fosters a sense of school community and shared mission, increases a sense of belonging and engagement, promotes health and safety and encourages respect of self, others and community.

Students are expected to abide by the Student Dress Code when attending school, travelling to and from school and on special occasions. Neatness, tidiness and cleanliness of the uniform are essential. Any variation to the uniform code e.g. medical reasons, must be discussed and approved by the Principal or Principal's delegate.

Students wear their Sports Uniform every Thursday to and from school to coincide with our Sports Program. Otherwise, students are required to change into their Sports Uniform for HPE lessons.

	Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
Formal Uniform Years 7 - 10	SKIRT: College mid length skirt with front box pleats – Navy (Length should be to knee level) SHORTS: College mid length shorts – Navy PANTS: College long length pants – Navy (A plain navy sock should be worn with the pants) BLOUSE: College navy and white pinstripe blouse with collar and orange trim - School logo embroidered on left side TIE (Junior): College navy tie (short) with orange trim HAT: College navy formal hat with 'McAuley College' band SHOES: Black leather lace up shoes with regulation heel (Refer to examples given by School Locker. Vans, Doc Martens and Converse style shoes are not acceptable) <i>NO sneakers or sports shoes with Formal Uniform</i> SOCKS (Junior): College white sockette Navy stockings / tights can be worn during winter months and are worn without socks	SHORTS: College mid length shorts – Navy (No belt required) PANTS: College long length pants – Navy (A plain navy sock should be worn with the pants) SHIRT: College navy and white pinstripe shirt with collar and orange trim - School logo embroidered on pocket TIE (Junior): No tie HAT: College navy formal hat with 'McAuley College' band SHOES: Black leather lace up shoes with regulation heel. (Refer to examples given by School Locker - Vans, Doc Martens and Converse style shoes are not acceptable) <i>NO sneakers or sports shoes with Formal Uniform</i> SOCKS (Junior): College white sockette
Formal Uniform Years 11 & 12	TIE (Senior): College navy tie (long) with orange trim and College logo SOCKS (Senior): Navy sock with orange trim Navy stockings / tights can be worn during winter months (and are worn without socks)	TIE (Senior): College navy tie (long) with orange trim and College logo (top button on shirt must be done up) SOCKS (Senior): Navy sock with orange trim BELT: College black belt In Years 11 & 12, shirts must be tucked in.

	Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
Blazer Years 11 & 12 (Compulsory for Years 11 & 12)	College blazer with College logo embroidered on left side. Note: Only to be worn with formal uniform. The Blazer is not compulsory for students in Years 7 to 10.	
Sports Uniform	SHORTS: College embroidered navy shorts <i>(Only regulation College shorts acceptable. No other brands allowed)</i> POLO SHIRT: College navy collared polo shirt with orange panels and white piping – School logo embroidered on left side HAT: College navy Bucket hat with the College logo embroidered on the front SHOES: Predominately white joggers providing adequate support for Sport activities. Shoelaces must be white SOCKS: Years 7 to 10 - College white sockette Years 11 & 12 – Navy sock with orange trim	
Scarf (optional)	College navy scarf with double orange stripe and College logo can be worn in Terms Two and Three (Winter months) with both the Formal and Sports uniform.	
Tracksuit	A College tracksuit is available for winter. It is only to be worn as an alternative to the College Sports uniform. JACKET: College navy tracksuit jacket with orange panels and trim, with white piping. College logo embroidered on left side. The tracksuit jacket is only to worn with the Sports uniform. PANTS: College navy tracksuit pants with orange panels and white trim. The tracksuit pants can only be worn with the Sports uniform.	
Jumper	College poly-cotton knit navy pullover with College logo embroidered. The jumper may be worn with the Formal uniform only.	
Bag	College school bag – Navy backpack with College logo. Non-College branded bags are not acceptable.	
College Satchel	Navy draw string satchel with College logo for students to use as an additional carry bag for Sports gear or to be taken on school excursions as an alternate to the larger school bag.	
Swimwear (No school swimmers)	Modest one-piece costume. To support Sun Safe practices, a Sun Shirt is required for lessons held during the day and outdoors. Swimming cap is required.	Standard speedos or board shorts. To support Sun Safe practices, a Sun Shirt is required for lessons held during the day, outdoors. Swimming cap is required.

	Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
Other Uniform regulations related to grooming...		
Hair	Hair should be well-groomed and of one's own single natural colour. Extreme hairstyles and colours are not acceptable. This may include extremely short hair, distinct changes in length from short to long areas, tracks or lines in the hair, etc. Eyebrow tracks are not permitted. Hair is to be kept out of eyes. Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back at all times. Ribbons, scrunchies and hair accessories must be in school colours of navy and orange or white.	Hair should be well-groomed and of one's own single natural colour. Extreme hairstyles and colours are not acceptable. This may include extremely short hair, distinct changes in length from short to long areas, tracks or lines in the hair, etc. Eyebrow tracks are not permitted. Generally, no shorter than a three (3) blade is a good guide. Long hair is NOT permitted and should sit above the collar. Fringes should be kept short and out of eyes. All boys should be clean shaven at all times. Beards, goatees, moustaches or long sideburns are not permitted.
Jewellery	A small Christian religious cross on a fine silver or gold chain is permitted. No other necklaces or pendants are permitted. A conservative wristwatch is permitted. Rings, bracelets, and anklets are not permitted. Facial piercings, (e.g. lip; eyebrow; nose) and/or body piercings are not permitted. Girls are permitted a maximum of three piercings in the lower lobe. One pair of plain and small gold/silver studs or sleepers (one in each ear are permitted in the lower earlobes (in the lower piercing). Two pairs of clear stud earrings are permitted in the second and third piercings in each ear. No earrings are permitted to be worn in the cartilage piercings (e.g. in the helix or tragus) including clear piercings. Nose rings are not permitted.	A small Christian religious cross on a fine silver or gold chain is permitted. No other pendants are permitted. A conservative wristwatch is permitted. Rings, bracelets, and anklets are not permitted. Facial piercings, (e.g. lip; eyebrow; nose) and/or body piercings are not permitted. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings (this includes clear earrings).
Make-up	Students are encouraged to wear clear sunscreen for sun safety. No other make-up is necessary, and it is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to: foundation, tinted make-up, BB cream, blush, mascara, eyeliner, lipstick, coloured lip gloss, lip tint, lip stain and the like. Additionally, false eyelashes and eyelash extensions are not permitted. fake tans are not permitted. Nail-polish, shellac and acrylic nails are not permitted.	

Other	Tattoos/ henna and unnatural coloured contact lenses are not permitted. No chewing gum permitted on College grounds. As part of our priority to be well presented, students are directed not to write on themselves across the course of the school day. This includes students who may have a plaster due to a broken bone. The plaster should be one main colour and remain without graffiti.
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Visit the College Website for information on the Uniform Shop including a Price List and Opening Hours. To order online, visit The School Locker www.theschoollocker.com.au and follow the links under the tab, Shop by School.

I have read, understood the above policy and will abide by the above uniform conditions.

Parent 1 Name: Signature:

Parent 2 Name: Signature:

Student Name: Signature:

Date:

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A guide to assist with the purchasing of correct footwear

	Formal Shoes	Sports Shoes
	Black leather lace up shoes with regulation heel	Predominately white joggers providing adequate support for sport activities. Shoes laces must be white
		
		